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Remarks/Arguments

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendment after final rejection and favorable reconsideration of the subject application, particularly in view of the above amendment after final rejection and the following remarks. There is no additional fee for this amendment as the number of independent claims and the total number of claims have been reduced.

Claims 9-16 are currently pending in the subject application, of which Claims 9-15 have been indicated to be allowed and Claim 16 has been rejected.

In response to the current Office Action, Applicants have canceled Claim 16 from the subject application, leaving only Claims 9-15. Applicants respectfully urge that this amendment raises no new issues which would require further search and/or consideration on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Claim 16 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brunner, U.S. Patent 4,862,599. Applicants respectfully urge that as a result of the cancellation of Claim 16 by the above amendment, this rejection is rendered moot.

Conclusion

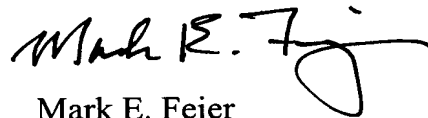
Applicants intend to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. If the Examiner detects any issue which the Examiner believes Applicants

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have not addressed in this response, Applicants urge the Examiner to contact the undersigned.

Applicants sincerely believe that this patent application is now in condition for allowance and, thus, respectfully request early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark E. Fejer", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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